

House Resolution No. 1778

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the anniversary of the St. Louis Hurling Club's first national match on April 26, 2003; and

Whereas, Missouri's first hurling club defeated the University of Notre Dame by an impressive score of 19-9 in its first national match in Chicago; and

Whereas, the ancient sport of Ireland was introduced to the State of Missouri by founders Paul C. Rohde, Daniel Lapke, and Patrick O'Connor; and

Whereas, the oldest and fastest field sport in the world, hurling is one of Ireland's national sports, evolved from training Celtic warriors for battle more than 2,000 years ago; and

Whereas, Missouri's own St. Louis Hurling Club is the first association of American-born hurlers ever to be invited into the North American Gaelic Athletic Association (NAGAA) in its first year of existence; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Hurling Club hosted the first-ever national match in Missouri, versus Milwaukee on October 4, 2003; and

Whereas, the St. Louis Hurling Club continues to exhibit unprecedented growth of this fine sport, having evolved from three teams in 2003 to four teams in Spring of 2004; and

Whereas, local support from McGurks Pub, Black Thorn Pub, Llywelyn's Pub, J. McGraugh's Bar & Grill, Pat's Bar & Grill, Metro Chiropractic Group, and Brown & Brown Financial has been instrumental in the growth of the sport in the St. Louis area:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to the members and leaders of the St. Louis Hurling Club at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to promote the aims and purposes of their fine organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the St. Louis Hurling Club in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Daus
District No. 67

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1778, adopted April 15, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker